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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF MEETING OF PRESIDENT FORD AND CONGRESSMEN ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING

- 1. DECEMBER 24 LIBERAL MILLIYET (IN A STORY FROM THA TURKISH NEWS AGENCY) AND LEFTIST CUMHURIYET (BASED ON AN ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY DISPATCH) REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD (AND, ACCORDING TO CUMHURIYET, SECRETARY KISSINGER) HAD MET WITH CONGRESSMEN RANGEL, WOLFF, RODINO, AND OTHERS ON MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING OF ILLEGAL NARCOTICS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO THE MILLIYET ARTICLE, CONGRESSMAN CHARLES RANGEL OBSERVED AFTER THE MEETING THAT "PRESIDENT FORD APPEARED RELUCTANT" TO CUT "ECONOMIC AID TO SUCH COUNTRIES AS MEXICO AND TURKEY WHICH PERSISTED IN BEING PRINCIPAL SOURCES FOR THE OPIUM AND HEROIN WHICH IS SMUGGLED INTO THE UNITED STATES." CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF WAS SAID TO HAVE DRAFTED LEGISLATION, WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT FORD WOULD EXAMINE, TO TERMINATE ECONOMIC

AID TO COUNTRIES WHICH WERE SOURCES FOR SMUGGLED NARCOTICS. CONGRESSMAN PETER RODINO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT FORD WOULD HOLD ANOTHER MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN AFTER A "THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEM."

3. CUMHURIYET QUOTED CONGRESSMAN WOLFF AS SAYING,
"AMERICA WANTS COOPERATION WITH OUHER COUJTRIES TO
STOP THE FLOW OF HEROIN AND WILL USE THE PRESSURES
NECESSARY TO INSURE THIS COOPERATION." UNNAMED CONGRESSMEN
WERE SAID TO HHAVE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH SOUTHEAST
ASIA AND MEXICO WERE NOW THE PRIMARY SOURCES OF HEROIN,
"TURKEY ALSO CAN SOON AGAIN BE A SOURCE FOR HEROIN
ENTERING AMERICA." THE CUMHURIYET ARTICLE NOTED THAT
RECENT US AND UN REPORTS HAD PRAISED THE TURKISH POPPY
CONTROL PROGRAM'S EFFECTIVENESS. THEREFORE, ACCORDING
TO CUMHURIYET,"POLITICAL OBSERVERS SUGGEST THAT THERE
ARE DIFFERENT REASONS FOR THE AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN TO ENGAGE
IN THIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST TURKEY."
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